



Rise of Dictators

Entrance task: Write (in your mind) one or two sentences that answer the following question:

Why was it that dictatorships seemed the wave of the future in Europe after World War I?

Today: Totalitarianism in 20th century Europe

Homework: Review Stalin section (1&2)
Ch. 27-3 Mussolini



Totalitarianism

- * Uses technology to exert complete political control over people's political, social, and economic lives
- * Govt based on a commitment to nationalism.
- * The state is more important than the individual

Totalitarianism versus
Classical Liberalism

Who wins? Who loses? Why?

Classical liberalism sought to limit the power of the state and protect individual rights. It stood for peaceful progress, economic freedom, and a strong middle class - all detestable notions for totalitarians.



Fascism:

A totalitarian doctrine that embraces

- * the glorification of a race or people
- * a single party dictatorship
- * leadership by a strong charismatic leader
- * militarism & aggressive imperialism
- * **defends private ownership**
- * the concept that the state is more important than the individual rights
- * racial homogeneity

Communism:

A totalitarian doctrine that aims to:

- * create a brotherhood of workers ruled by the working class
- * end economic exploitation of the proletariat
- * destroy class differences & practice social equality (not necessarily racial purity)
- * eliminate ownership of private property

If Fascism,
Nazism, and
Communism are
thought
of as "feuding
brothers,"
what was their
common
father?



Shared traits

- ★ Overthrow existing society
- ★ Improve lives of ordinary people
- ★ Hated each other



Stalin - USSR

20th century Totalitarian Dictators



Hitler - Germany



Mussolini - Italy

Stalin Quotes

- *Death solves all problems: no man, no problem.*
- *A single death is a tragedy, a million is a statistic.*
- *Leave them in peace . . . we can always shoot them later.*
- *In the future, there will be fewer but better Russians.*
- *I trust no one, not even myself.*
- *Education is a weapon whose effects depend on who holds it in his hands and at whom it is aimed.*
- *The people who cast the votes decide nothing. The people who count the votes decide everything.*
- *If you kill one man, you are a murderer. If you kill a thousand men, you are a conqueror. If you kill everyone, you are God.*

What
does
this say
about
the
man?

Stalin

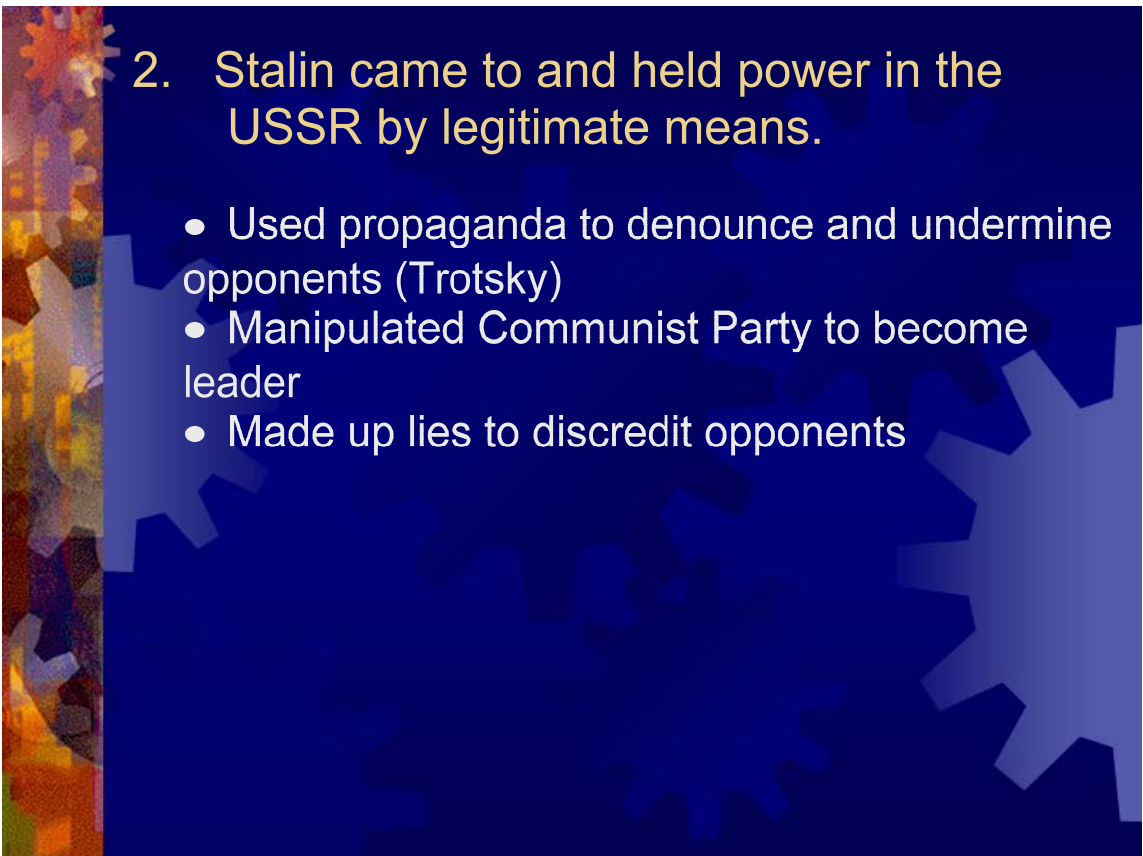
In groups:

- Each person will read then a separate excerpt on Stalin
- When finished, share facts from your excerpt that support or refute each statement



1. Stalin used totalitarian means to govern the USSR.

- Show trials
- Command economy
- Only 1 political party allowed
- Used propaganda
- Murdered opposition
- Revised history
- Collective farming



2. Stalin came to and held power in the USSR by legitimate means.

- Used propaganda to denounce and undermine opponents (Trotsky)
- Manipulated Communist Party to become leader
- Made up lies to discredit opponents

3. Joseph Stalin set realistic goals and used realistic means to achieve them.

- 5 - Year Plans shortened to 4 years - workers and managers were punished if goals were not met
- Did increase industrialization by 400% in 15 years (1928-1941) - mostly heavy industry
- Collectivized farming initially hurt agriculture as millions starved

4. Joseph Stalin helped turn the USSR into a great industrial nation.

True - Became the second largest industrial nation and forced modernization

5. Stalin's Great Purges were a necessary step in solidifying power.

Hmmm. They eliminated opposition and sent a strong and clear message to potential enemies to support him OR ELSE!!! Directed mainly at communist party members.

6. Stalin used the media to promote his power in the USSR.

True - manipulated the media by editing photos to show him, not Trotsky, as Lenin's right-hand man, movies glorified him, artists and writers were censored

7. Stalin was a fair and just man when dealing with his people.

- Killed opposition
- Trumped up charges against enemies
- Forced collectivization
- Great Purges
- An equal-opportunity murderer

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begin Ch. 27-3 Mussolini

Homework: Ch. 29-2



